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Docket No.  
009848/0283674

In Re Application Of: Sichmann, et al.

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Serial No.  
09/954,701

Filing Date

September 14, 2001

Examiner  
NYA

Group Art Unit  
3753

Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AVOIDING GAS BUBBLES WHEN TRANSPORTING A LIQUID BY  
MEANS OF PUMPS

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is:

- 1) Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application; 2) Assignment with Recordation Cover Sheet;
- 3) Declaration and Power of Attorney; 4) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- 5) Certificate of Mailing; 6) three priority documents; and 7) Reply postcard.

in the above identified application.

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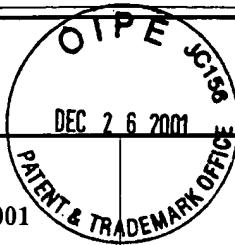
  
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Roberta Miles

**Response To Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application  
Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533)(Large Entity)**

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**Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AVOIDING GAS BUBBLES WHEN TRANSPORTING A LIQUID  
BY MEANS OF PUMPS**

**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

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This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) mailed on  
October 24, 2001  
*Date*

Enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533). **(REQUIRED)**
- An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date.
- A verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- Other (list):

An Assignment with Form PTO-1595; and  
Three (3) priority documents.

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**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

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The fee of **\$130.00** is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **03-3975**  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.  
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**Robert M. Bedgood  
Reg. No. 43,488**

**Dated: December 26, 2001**

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Roberta Miles**

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Completion of application fees as calculated below:

Utility application filing fee \_\_\_\_\_

Design application filing fee \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of independent claims = \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of claims = \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple dependent claims \_\_\_\_\_

Surcharge for late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath **\$130.00**

Petition and fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for processing an application filed with a non-English language specification \_\_\_\_\_

Fee for processing and retention of application \_\_\_\_\_

Total completion of application fees **\$130.00**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the above-identified Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired). If an additional time extension is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

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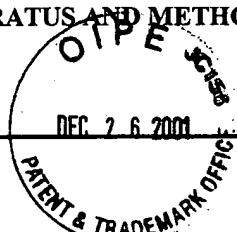
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Applicant(s): Sichmann, et al.

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MEANS OF PUMPSI hereby certify that this Declaration; Assignment with Form PTO-1595; and Priority Documents  
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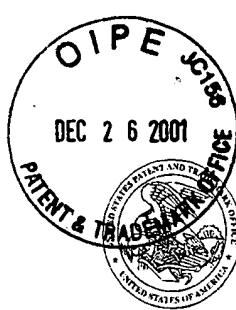
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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